

30 September 2026

Distinguished Representatives,

The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the Permanent Mission of Panama to the United Nations Agencies in Rome have the honour to cordially invite you to the event titled "Twenty years of the Indigenous Peoples Assistance Facility (IPAF): Lessons learned from Indigenous Peoples-led solutions". The hybrid event will be held on Thursday, 8 October 2026 in the Oval Room at IFAD Headquarters in Rome, from 15:00 to 17:00 Rome Time. Delegates unable to participate in person may attend the event virtually on Zoom. A reception will be hosted following the event.

The event which will be held in English, aims to showcase the Indigenous Peoples Assistance Facility (IPAF), a dedicated facility hosted by IFAD since 2006 in recognition of its experience and expertise in Indigenous Peoples' issues. In the past twenty years IPAF has been able to build direct partnerships with Indigenous Peoples and their communities, enabling them to design and implement grassroots development projects based on their own priorities and perspectives. The event will provide an opportunity to present key achievements of the IPAF, which – since 2008 – has supported 212 projects across more than 48 countries through six funding cycles and delivering tangible results in community resilience, agroecological production, indigenous women's empowerment, territorial governance, rights advocacy, and ecosystem conservation.

For additional information, please contact ipafsecretariat@ifad.org.

We look forward to welcoming you at this event. To confirm your participation in-person or via zoom, please contact the IPAF Secretariat at ipafsecretariat@ifad.org indicating your full name and title by noon on 6 October 2026.

Accept, Distinguished Representatives, the assurances of our highest consideration.



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